*Buses belonging to the Eight Seater Syndicate.*

166 **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the buses belonging to the Eight Seater Syndicate are running without adhering to the rules regarding arrival and starting points;

(*b*) whether any one-ton bus plying for hire is allowed to run without adhering to the time table given to it; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, whether the bus T. V. R. No. 1082 is, as a matter of fact, plying without adhering to the time table given to it, and, if so, the action taken to stop the same?

**MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) T. V. R. No. 1082 is not given any timings as yet. It is not plying for hire.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): May I know the date on which the machine was purchased for the Stamp Manufactory?

**PRESIDENT**: We are at question 166.

*The Whar-fe-dale printing machine in the Stamp Manufactory.*

167 **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when and at what cost a Whar-fe-dale printing machine was purchased for the Stamp Manufactory;

(*b*) whether this machine has been worked regularly and satisfactorily from the time it was got down, and, if not, why;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that this machine was fitted up by the Public Works Department, and, if so, at what cost; and

(*d*) whether there is a qualified hand in the Stamp Manufactory who will be able to fit up and work a Whar-fe-dale machine?

**MR. S. VENKATARAMANA AIYAR** (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The machine was purchased in August 1927. Its cost was £ 400 or Rs. 5,487-12-0.

(*b*) No. It requires several hands to work the machine. Arrangements are being made to work the machine with electric power.

(*c*) Yes. The machine was received in parts and had therefore to be fitted up by the best available mechanic in Trivandrum. The cost of providing a concrete base, a wooden face for the machine to be mounted on, and fitting charges etc., together came to Rs. 151-8-8.

(*d*) There is a blacksmith in the Manufactory capable of fitting up and working the machine now.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): May I know the reason why the machine was not worked till now since the date of its purchase?

**MR. S. VENKATARAMANA AIYAR** (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The answer is given there.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): No answer is given here.

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